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SUBJ: ALLEGED IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS DURING 1971 WAR.

REF : A) ISLAMABAD 3806; B) ISLAMABAD 3776

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE REGARDING ALLEGED IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS TO PAKISTAN DURING 1971 WAR, PARTICULARLY " AMMUNITION AND AIRCRAFT." FILES INDICATE THAT USG HAS DENIED, PUBLIC AND PRIVATELY, APPROVING ANY TRANSFERS OF US- ORIGIN EQUIPMENT FROM IRAN TO PAKISTAN DURING THAT PERIOD. WE BELIEVE THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ISSUED DENIALS. THUS, WE HAVE TAKEN DIRECT ISSUE WITH INDIAN COMPLAINTS ON THIS SCORE.

2. PAKISTANI EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR TRANSFERS FROM IRAN CONFOUND OUR OWN CREDIBILITY ON THIS SUBJECT, AND ON PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE INDIRECT TRANSFERS, PARTICULARLY AFTER ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF MAJOR NEW US SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO IRAN. HOWEVER, IT IS USEFUL TO KEEP THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RECORD AS STRAIGHT AS WE CAN ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH AROUSES SUCH EXAGGERATED AND EMOTIONAL REACTIONS HERE.

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